

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT  
Anchorage Field Office

**CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION (CX) FORM**

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**CX No.:** AK-040-02-CX-002

**Case File No.:** AA-042420

**Proposed Action Title/Types:**

The Proposed Action is to partially revoke Public Land Order (PLO) 2713 and to restore 30 acres of land to the public domain.

**Location of Proposed Action:** W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , Section 31, T. 26 N., R. 4 W, Seward Meridian, Alaska

**Description of Proposed Action:**

The Proposed Action is to partially revoke PLO 2713 and to restore 30 acres of land to the public domain. The current withdrawal site includes 104.2 acres and is located near Talkeetna, Alaska.

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) requested partial revocation of this withdrawal, because the land is no longer needed for the purposes for which it was withdrawn. The FAA will retain control of 74.2 acres for operation of a VORTAC navigational aid. The Talkeetna spur road crosses the land being restored to the public domain. Cook Inlet Regional Inc. (CIRI) submitted regional selection application AA 8098-48, which encompasses the entire withdrawal area. Partial revocation of PLO 2713 will allow the BLM to convey 30 acres of the selected area to CIRI.

**Applicant:** Federal Aviation Administration

**PART I - PLAN CONFORMANCE REVIEW**

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**This Proposed Action is subject to the following land use plan:** Southcentral MFP

**Date Plan Approved:** March 1980

The Proposed Action has been reviewed for conformance with this plan (43 CFR 1610.5, BLM MS 1617.3).

**Remarks:**

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**PART II - NEPA REVIEW**

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**A. Categorical Exclusion Review.**

This Proposed Action qualifies as a categorical exclusion under 516 DM 2, Appendix 1 or 516 DM 6, Appendix 5.4 E (2).

**B. Departmental Exceptions Review.**

The following Departmental List of Exceptions apply to individual actions. Departmental instructions mandate that environmental documents **MUST BE PREPARED** for actions which may: (Mark applicable answer for each item. If "yes", prepare an EA/EIS and append this form to it.)

- |  | YES                      | NO                                  |
|--|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1. Have significant adverse impacts on public health or safety   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Have adverse effects on unique geographic characteristics, historic or cultural resources, park, recreation or refuge lands, wilderness areas, wild or scenic rivers, sole or principal drinking water aquifers, prime farmlands, wetlands, floodplains, or ecologically significant or critical areas, including those listed on the Department's National Register of Natural Landmarks | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. Have highly controversial environmental effects   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. Establish a precedent for future actions or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 6. Be directly related to other actions with individually insignificant, but cumulatively significant environmental effects  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 7. Have adverse effects on properties listed or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 8. Have adverse effects on species listed or proposed to be listed on the List of Endangered or Threatened Species, or have adverse effects on designated critical habitat for these species   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

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| 9.  | Require compliance with Executive Order 11988 (Flood plain Management), Executive Order 11990 (Protection of Wetlands), or the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act. | ___ | <u>X</u> |
| 10. | Threaten to violate a Federal, State, local or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment.  | ___ | <u>X</u> |

I certify that none of the Departmental exceptions listed in the above Part B (516 DM 2, Appendix 2) apply to this action.

**Remarks:**

Preparer: Rodney Huffman

Date: November 9, 2001

**PART III – DECISION**

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I have reviewed this plan conformance and NEPA compliance record and have determined that the proposed project is in conformance with the approved land use plan and that no further environmental analysis is required. It is my decision to implement the project, as described, with the mitigation measures either identified below or stipulation(s) attached in this case file.

**Mitigation Measures/Other Remarks:**

**Remarks:**

Authorized Official: /s/ Stu Hirsh, Acting

Date: November 26, 2001